

Abstract

A settling system has a medium (10), a settling terminal (20), a settlement authenticating device (30), and a service providing device (35). An ID number is recorded on the medium (10). When the user pays a predetermined amount of money, the settlement authenticating device (20) reads the ID number and notifies the settlement authenticating device (30) of the payment through a network. The settlement authenticating device (30) performs processing for making the use of the ID number effective in response to the notification. Therefore the medium (10) has no commercial value (pay service providing duty) when it is shipped or delivered to the user. The settlement authenticating device (30) holds the ID number and the received amount of money. The service providing device (35) provides an information terminal (40) with service through a network when operation including the input of the ID number is performed through the information terminal (40). The settlement authentication device (30) subtracts the charge corresponding to the ID amount of service from the received amount of money and makes the remainder the balance.